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GLITTERING GOLD GLAMOUR.

Why is Human Intelligence Bewitched by the Metallic Money Deception?

The goldites attempt to scare the people into submission to the gold standard doctrine by depicting the horrors of gold at a premium. With just conditions, there need be no premium on gold, although the per capita is increased to fifty dollars. Greenbacks remained at par with gold as long as they were clothed by law with full legal tender quality, and there is not the least probability that the relation could be changed now unless it is forced by the combined gold power of the world.

But suppose an increase of circulation should cause gold to go to a premium, is it not at a premium now? Does not our government now pay a premium for gold, and a pretty heavy one at that? Did not Mr. Cleveland agree to pay a premium of about three per cent. gold interest in the recent gold deal with the Rothschilds?

But suppose gold should go to a premium like it did during the closing years of the war, who could it injure? Were the people not more prosperous in 1865-6 than they are to-day? Then who suffered by the cornering of gold by the money gamblers? If the masses of the people do not suffer, then very little damage results.

The bugaboo is also raised that gold will go out of circulation, and leave the country. Is not gold out of circulation now? and does not gold leave the country now whenever the gold gamblers want it to leave? The gold circulation in domestic business now is so small that it amounts to nothing. But what does it argue if gold is not in circulation to any extent? What evil would result if there was no gold in circulation at all? None whatever! The business of the country would go on just the same. Other currency would pay debts and buy necessities, pay taxes and support business, as it does anyway, and no one would know, unless so informed, that gold was not circulating.

Gold never can fill the functions of currency, as it is too scarce to meet the demands, and hence if the bulk of the currency is silver, or paper, why not have it all silver and paper, or paper alone? The gold gamblers would have the people believe that if gold money left the country, there would be a calamity, and an era of universal starvation. All such talk as this is simply business lingo. The gold gamblers, of course, try to hold up their business, and if they can convince the people that the country cannot get along without gold, the gold business is profitable, but if the people don't care about gold, then the demand for it ceases and the gold gambler's business languishes.

The claim that a government must maintain a single gold standard in order to main a sound government credit is all rot. A government always pays its debts in commodity, never in its own money, as such. Therefore, a money recognized by a government, or a money the creation of the law power of a government, never pays a debt due to other nations. These international debts are always paid in commodities. Gold may be demanded but gold dollars never are. In any event, there is no necessity for this country to be in debt to any other country on the face of the globe. Our exports always exceed our imports, so why should we be in debt to any other nation?

But this line of argument could be almost indefinitely extended. The whole gold argument is of, by and for the money gamblers, and not in the interest of the masses of the people of this country. Any one knows, if he has brains enough to keep out of the fire, that when the people of a country are prosperous and happy, and all are employed in producing wealth, that country is more able to pay its debts than when wealth production is clogged, and one half of the wealth producers are tramps and vagabonds. Holding up the gold standard, under the pretense of maintaining the government, is the very thing that has caused our government to borrow among and create debts to other nations. If the policy of the present gold oligarchy at Washington is not checked it will soon have the government so overwhelmed by debt that it never can pay out, and then where will the sound government credit come in?—Southern Mercury.

THE INTERNATIONAL FAKE.

The Republican Party Will Depend Upon it to Carry Them Through One More Campaign.

The Washington Star, in a recent issue, had the following interesting piece of news:

"There is a growing belief among many of the political gossips at the national capital that the next few months will find the republican party aligned for bimetalism and the democratic organization divided into distinct and avowed gold and silver monometallic factions. The belief, it is explained, is based upon some recent events and upon a review of past occurrences.

"The people who entertain this opinion say that nothing further is needed to demonstrate that the democrats will divide upon gold and silver monometallicism than the president's recent declaration of the coming fight lying between sound money and silver monometallicism, and the subsequent announcement of some of the party leaders in favor of gold monometallicism. This, in connection with the efforts now under way in several states east of the Mississippi to get free silver conventions, is proof positive, they say, of the great chasm that is yawning in the democratic party.

"It is claimed that the republicans propose to avoid precipitating any such severe issue in their own party, and are going to begin early to take the firm ground that bimetallicism is a possibility and not a hopeless case, as represented by democrats. Recent utterances of prominent republicans, Senator Allison and ex-President Harrison in particular, are pointed to as straws indicating the trend of opinion in the republican party.

"In this connection references are being made to the developments be-

fore the international monetary conference, and the statements of the world at that gathering are being recalled and invested with peculiar interest at this time."

After reviewing, at some length, the arguments made at the last international conference favorable to bimetallicism, the Star concludes as follows:

"It is now claimed that these arguments show that even as far back as 1893 there was strong bimetallic sentiment in England, which has been significantly increased and accentuated by the great financial depression consequent upon the fulfillment of Mr. Rothschild's well-remembered prophecy that disaster would follow if silver were not protected in some way. It is claimed that the last two years have demonstrated an increase in the bimetallic sentiment of England—that is, among the industrial classes—as in this country, bordering in a degree upon the extent of the spread of bimetallicism among the people of the United States. The political gossips admit that there may have been no change of feeling on the part of the Rothschild element, but that on the contrary the Rothschild element has succeeded in impressing gold standard ideas upon many Americans.

"The point is made, however, that the mass of the people, the element that it is claimed will eventually determine the fiscal policy of the nation, are showing a decided leaning toward bimetallicism and clamoring for a trial of it anyhow, and that if an international conference can be held within the next year or two the opposition put forth by the British delegates at the last meeting will at least have been modified to such an extent as not to present an insuperable bar to an agreement. This is said to be the belief of a great many republicans in this country, who are at least willing to wait a year or two longer, if necessary, in order to give it a trial, rather than to rush either to the extreme of gold monometallicism, which they declare to be un-American, or to silver monometallicism.

"At all events, they say it is too early to give up absolutely and to say that it must be 'gold monometallicism or nothing,' or to take the ground that bimetallicism is a chimera and unlimited national free coinage the only alternative of gold monometallicism. It is argued that the pursuance of the line of action thus indicated will draw into republican ranks the conservative people of all classes, democrats included, who would regard this position as the safest and most likely to contribute to national prosperity."

FOREIGN CAPITAL.

The People Furnish the Credit but the Money Leaders Get the Credit for Furnishing it.

When we talk of inducing eastern capital to seek investment in the state what do we mean? Is our state built up by eastern labor or eastern goods? Is the eastern capital desired or expected to bring anybody or anything here to "build up" with except money? And of what use is money except to make our exchanges with? Don't we buy a means of exchange at a pretty high figure when we mortgage our property and our future prosperity to get it, agreeing to give most of the wealth we produce as interest? "Capital" hasn't made Kansas; it never made any country great, rich or prosperous and never will. The state has been built up by the men who live here. The coupon clippers and money lenders in the east have simply been leeches to suck our life blood. We have been paying them for their credit to build up our railroads and factories, furnish us supplies; and yet their credit is based on ours and things we bought with the money they furnished. If you borrow money on your farm to make improvements, or to invest in cattle, the value that secures the debt is a value that you and your fellow-citizens have created. The capitalist does nothing, and furnishes nothing except credit. All that he can possibly do is to supply you with a means of making your exchanges—generally his promises to pay—because you are not wise enough to supply yourself without calling on him. As things are, the capitalist, of course, renders the community a service in furnishing it a means of making its exchanges—something to measure and represent values, but in comparison with the real worth of the service he renders he is the most overestimated and overpaid man in the world. Our descendants will wonder that we could ever have been so foolish as to give a few men all the wealth the nation produces and make them our masters, in return for the use of their money or their credit to do our business with.—Star and Kansan.

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